

Remarks

Claims 1- 17 were pending in the application and were under rejection. Claims 1-6, 11, 14, 15, and 17 are amended herewith and re-submitted, and their status is now correctly indicated. Claims 1-17 remain in the application.


Although dependent claims 2-6 were amended in the Amendment dated Feb. 21, 2006, Applicants' attorney inadvertently allowed their status to remain as "original". That error has been corrected with this submission. Although the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment also indicated the "status identifier" for Claim 11 as being incorrect, it is believed to in fact have been correct as "currently amended", and no further correction has been made. The Legal Instruments Examiner, Felicia Allen, concurred with this assessment by telephone on Mar. 14, 2006.

The earlier arguments contained in the Amendment of Feb. 21, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference. It is believed that this timely response to the Notice of Non-Compliant (non-final) Amendment dated March 7, 2006 should not require an extension of time. If, however, an extension of time is required, please consider it requested, and authorization is hereby given to charge any required extension fee to Deposit Account 50-1307.

In the event the Examiner feels the prosecution of the application may be advanced by telephone interview, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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